

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Schön et al

Title: DEVICE FOR THE VARIABLE ACTUATION OF  
THE GAS EXCHANGE VALVES OF INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINES AND METHOD FOR  
OPERATING SUCH A DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH APPLICATION  
TO AVOID MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

sir;

Prior to examination of the present application, please  
amend as follows: